GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1139
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SUBVERSION OF TRIBAL LANDS RIGHT
Mondal Shri Abu Ayes

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint of subversion of the tribal's land rights by some Government departments;and

(b) if so,the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH)

(a)&(b): Yes,Sir.The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has received some complaints, alleging

(i) evacuation of the tribals and forest dwellers from the land being cultivated by them prior to 13.12.2005, by the Forest Department of the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh,

(ii) surveys of land in occupation of tribals by the Forest Department in certain districts of Jharkhand with a view to prevent the process of giving pattas on the land to tribals,

(iii) removal of tribal people from their dwelling places in the forest areas by the Government Madhya Pradesh despite enactment of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006;and

(iv) diversion of forest land in Dhule District for wind power projects by the Government of Maharashtra. As the complaints were against the actions of the State Forest Departments, the same have been forwarded to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for necessary action.